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In re Application of: Robert J. HEATH

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For. SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING SATELLITE

BANDWIDTH ON DEMAND EMPLOYING UPLINK FRAME FORMATTING FOR

SMOOTHING AND MITIGATING JITTER AND DYNAMICALLY CHANGING NUMBERS OF CONTENTION AND DATA CHANNELS Art Unit:

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Petition for Extension of time is attached hereto. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

An extension for \_\_\_ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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## <u>AMENDMENT</u>

In response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2004, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this рарет.

Remarks begin on page 18 of this paper.